This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1.   (Currently Amended) A method of sharing database objects comprising:

        specifying at least one dimension in a source datastore to link to in a target datastore;

        specifying a persistence model for persisting the target datastore, wherein the persistence model comprises persisting metadata in the target datastore such that changes to metadata of an object in the source datastore is not updated in the target datastore until the object data is altered, persisting both metadata and data changes in the target datastore or persisting neither metadata nor data in the target datastore such that any change made to the source datastore is propagated to the target datastore; and

        specifying a refresh policy for refreshing information in the target datastore; and

        creating the target datastore, wherein the target datastore is a linked object comprising a data cube defined by the at least one specified dimension.

2.   (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising selecting at least one group of measures in the source datastore to link to in the target datastore.

3.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the source datastore and the target datastore are analysis databases.

4.   (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein the source datastore and the target datastore are OLAP databases.

5.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the persistence model comprises persisting metadata.

6.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the persistence model comprises persisting data.

7.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the refresh policy comprises refreshing data each time data in the target datastore is queried.

8.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the refresh policy comprises refreshing data whenever a specified time interval has passed.

9.   (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising specifying a filter.

10.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 9, wherein the filter is used to ~~exclude limit~~ data <u>accessible</u> from the target datastore <u>to data of a specified type</u>.

11.   (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising specifying a dimension for the target datastore, wherein the specified dimension is not a dimension of the source datastore.

12.   (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising specifying a group of measures for the target datastore, wherein the group of measures is not a measure group of the source datastore.

13.   (Currently Amended) A system for sharing data comprising:

<u>a module for creating</u> a target database, the target database ~~comprising~~ <u>defined by</u> at least one dimension linked to a dimension in a source database and at least one measure group linked to a measure group in the source database<u>, wherein a persistence model for the target database comprises persisting metadata in the target datastore such that changes to metadata of an object in the source datastore is not updated in the target datastore until the object data is altered, persisting both metadata and data changes in the target datastore or persisting neither metadata nor data in the target datastore such that any change made to the source datastore is propagated to the target datastore.</u>

14.   (Original) The system of claim 13, further comprising a second dimension wherein the second dimension is not a dimension of the source database.

15.   (Original) The system of claim 13, further comprising a second measure group, wherein the second measure group is not linked to a measure group in the source database.

16.   (Original) The system of claim 13, further comprising an analysis module for specifying the at least one dimension to be linked to in the target database.

17.   (Original) The system of claim 13, further comprising an analysis module for specifying the at least one measure group to be linked to in the target database.

18.   (Original) The system of claim 13, further comprising an analysis module for specifying a refresh policy for determining when data in the target database is refreshed.

19.   (Original) The system of claim 13, further comprising an analysis module for specifying a persistence model for determining a portion of the target database to be persisted.

20.   (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein the source database resides on a first computer and the target database resides on a second computer.

21.   (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein the source database is associated with a first instance of an analysis module and the target database is associated with a second instance of an analysis module.

22.   (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium comprising computer-executable instructions for:

        selecting at least one dimension in a source analysis datastore to link to in a target analysis datastore;

selecting a persistence model for persisting the target analysis datastore, wherein the persistence model comprises persisting metadata in the target analysis datastore such that changes to metadata of an object in the source datastore is not updated in the target analysis datastore until the object data is altered, persisting both metadata and data changes in the target analysis datastore or persisting neither metadata nor data in the target analysis datastore such that any change made to the source datastore is propagated to the target analysis datastore;

selecting a refresh policy for refreshing information in the target analysis datastore; and

selecting at least one group of measures in a source analysis datastore to link to in the target analysis datastore; and

creating the target analysis datastore, wherein the target analysis datastore is a cube defined by the at least one specified dimension.